

# DUCT SEALING AS AN ECM

## What We Know about Duct Leakage...

#### **BERKELEY NATIONAL LABS**

...released a building commissioning study that showed duct leakage to be the most expensive building fault. Annual energy cost from duct leakage is **a whopping \$2.9 billion!** 

#### **ASHRAE**

...estimates **75% of buildings have 10-25% air duct leakage**. Aeroseal effectively locates duct leaks and seals them tight (up to 90% improvement).

#### **ENERGY STAR**

...ranks air distribution as the **#1 energy savings opportunity** in exisiting buildings. The average payback for Aeroseal duct sealing is 3 to 5 years!



BUILDING FAULTS	ANNUAL COST
Duct Leakage	\$2.9B
HVAC left on when unoccupied	\$1.9
Lights left on when unoccupied	\$1.7
Airflow not balanced	\$0.7
Improper refrigerant charge	\$0.7
Dampers not working properly	\$0.5
Insufficient evaporator airflow	\$0.3
Improper controls set up	\$0.2
Control component failure	\$0.2
Software programming errors	\$0.1

Source: Building Commissioning: A Golden CaseFor Reducing Energy Costs, E Mills, 7/09



## **#1 BENEFIT OF DUCT SEALING**

#### 1. Increase energy savings

- 2. Meet duct tightness requirements
- 3. Improve IAQ and building comfort
- 4. Avoid cost of replacing ducts
- 5. Eliminate unsightly mastic/tape on visible ductwork

## ENERGY SAVINGS IN THE REAL WORLD

## Aeroseal Project: Mixed-Use Office Building

LOCATION - Washington D.C. FACILITY MANAGEMENT - Sodexo **DUCT EXPERTS -** Aeroseal LLC GOAL - Proper air flow, energy savings BEFORE AEROSEAL - 8,692 CFM of total leakage



AFTER AEROSEAL - 1,471 CFM (83% reduction) **RESULTS -** 28% air flow improvement; \$102k/year savings

ESTIMATED PAYBACK - 1.5 years

BONUS - Improved IAQ. Improved thermal comfort.

### Aeroseal Project: Licking Heights Schools

LOCATION - Blacklick, Ohio **COMMISSIONING FIRM -**Heapy Engineering **HVAC SOLUTIONS PROVIDER -**Bruner Corporation GOAL - Reduce energy costs / fix uneven heating **BEFORE AEROSEAL –** Losing 55% of treated air



AFTER AEROSEAL - Delivering 98% of treated air

RESULTS - Reduced duct leakage by 27,350+ CFM.

BONUS - Reduced energy bill by \$45,000/year. Eliminated uneven heating issues.

### Aeroseal Project: Correctional Facility

LOCATION - Pennsylvania **SERVICES PROVIDER –** Large energy services company (ESCO) **HVAC SUBCONTRACTOR -PLD** Associates

**GOAL** – Energy savings with minimal disruption BEFORE AEROSEAL - 2,450 CFM of leakage



RESULTS - Through duct sealing alone, the ESCO saved its client \$7,000+ annually, with an ROI of less than 4 years.

## **Use Aeroseal On Your Next Job For Faster, Guaranteed Results!** CALL: 877-FIX-DUCT or VISIT: www.aeroseal.com

### About Aeroseal

Aeroseal duct sealing technology seals ducts from the INSIDE to reduce duct leakage up to 90%, which saves energy. This highly effective means of sealing all types of HVAC ductwork overcomes shortfalls with mastic/ tape and has no access limitations. It finds and seals all leaks up to 5/8" diameter. Payback is usually 3 to 5 years, AND the process is verifiable and guaranteed.

## **Our Sealant Formula**

The sealant is a stable, non-toxic, nonflammable emulsion of water and vinyl acetate polymer that is aerosolized into 4-10 micron-sized particles and distributed under pressure throughout the inside of the duct system.

#### Vinyl Acetate Polymer

- Base of chewing gum and hair spray
- Remains rubbery

#### Certified in accordance w/ UL 1381

- Surface burning
- Mold growth and humidity
- Interior duct burning
- Leakage reduction
- Durability

#### **Properties**

- Low VOC content
- 2 hours to cure
- 3-year guarantee
- Effective at multiple pressures, temperatures, and humidity levels

#### **Our Patented** Aeroseal Process

- 1. Develop sealing plan w/ facility personnel
- 2. Block diffusers and grilles
- Isolate the AHU
- 4. Connect Aeroseal equipment
- Pre-seal test: Benchmark of initial leakage
- 6. Seal: Inject aerosol sealant
- 7. Contain sealant in occupied areas
- 8. Post-seal test: Measure final leakage
- 9. Present certificate of completion